GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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TV GAME SHOWS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several TV shows have been started by different TV channels involvingrenowned Actors/Actresses during the period 1.1.2000 and 28.2.2001;

(b) if so, the number and details of such shows during the above period;

(c) whether the Government propose to impose the ban on such TV game shows whichtend to encourage gambling and spoiling the studies of school going children as they are telecast between 19.00 and 22.00 hrs.;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Government is aware that TV channels telecastprogrammes anchored by renowned Actors/Actresses. However, details of such programmes are not maintained by Government.

(c), (d) & (e): There is no proposal to ban TV game shows. They are closer to quiz programmes and prima facie do not attract any specific objections under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules made thereunder.